urchins and other undesirable elements, prompt registration of cases at the first place of reporting, investigation of cases of dacoity and robbery by State CID, maintenance of records of gangs and criminals involved in robberies/dacoities in trains, systematic analysis of crimes in train, etc. The Railway administration has also taken steps to assist the GRP in checking criminal activities in running trains. These include sharing of intelligence between the RPF and the GRP, introduction of instant action groups in superfast trains to prevent entry of unauthorised persons, assistance by the GRP in escorting passenger trains during night, joint strategy involving the RPF and the GRP to deal with anti-social elements operating in trains, etc.

Lack of Basic Facilities for BSF Personnel

1118. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BSF personnel posted at isolated and difficult terrains are equipped with outdated weapons, lack of basic facilities and medical care and often die of curable diseases;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have made any critical review of the existing facilities provided to the BSF personnel to remove the deficiencies; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. The BSF personnel are equipped with modern weapons available in India. They are also provided with proper food and medical facilities. Whenever they are posted at isolated places in difficult terrain, arrangements are made for helicopter evacuation to established medical centres as well as for transportation of essential items like fresh rations/vegetables, medicines including their dak etc. In addition to these, 20% recoupable advance of the total estimated cost of treatment is being given out of the Special Relief Fund for the BSF personnel and their dependent family members.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Delhi Policemen caught red handed

1119. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether vigilance wing of Delhi Police caught 12 Delhi Traffic policemen red handed demanding and taking bribe simultaneously from four different places in Delhi;

(b) if so, the action taken against these persons; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to check the menace of the bribery in Delhi Police force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) During the surprise check conducted by the officers of Vigilance Branch of Delhi Police at different places on 21st May 2001, 9 traffic police officials were found indulging in unauthorized checkings of the vehicles. In a similar surprise check on 23rd June 2001, 3 more traffic police officials were found indulging in similar activities.

(b) The names of all these officials were brought in the list of officials with doubtful integrity and departmental action was initiated against them. In the meanwhile, they were also transferred to the non-sensitive Units.

(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police to curb corrupt practices in the police force including regular briefing of the staff by senior officers; monitoring the inspection of the activities of the staff deployed for patrolling/booth duties by the senior officers; surprise check by the Vigilance Branch; close watch on the police personnel suspected to be indulging in corrupt practices; transfer of persons with doubtful integrity to non-sensitive posts; encouraging the public to voice their grievances through complain boxes put up at Police Stations, District Headquarters, police Headquarters and through Help Line facilities and E-Mail; examination of the complaints against police officials by senior officers; and award of exemplary